# Dear Life Honorary President & founder Dr Helen Sham-Ho, our past president & honorary advisor Florence Chau, past president Lavender Tsim & all sisters, welcome!

Over the last 25 months I’m happy to report that we have hosted the following Way In events:

1. Helem Sham-Ho 80th Birthday 6th Sept 23 (attended by 57 guests)
2. USYD Sydney Conservatorium of Music Chinese Music Emsemble with SCM Choir Concert – exclusive invitation for Way In 20th Oct 23 (attended by 25 guests)
3. Way In Christmas Party 15th Dec 23 (attended 50 guests)
4. 19th Feb 24 committee CNY banquet
5. Women Empowerment Series: International Women’s Day Achieving Financial Freedom 8th Mar 24
6. Stories of Enchanted Wisdom – Way In 32nd Anniversary Charity Ball attended by over 400 guests and special VIPs from federal government, raised a record of $133K, with donation of $60K made: $30K to MSF & $30K to Warrior Women, remaining $73K for our ongoing association running expenses such as seminar costs & emergency fund
7. Women Empowerment Series: Your Body Your Health & Thank you Dinner 13 Aug 24, Rosanna Ng & Dr Ho
8. First Way In Mid Autumn Festival almost 80 guests
9. Women Empowerment Series: Running Business in Australia 4th Oct, Shelley Wang & Grace Li
10. Way In “Stories of Enchanted Wisdom” Book Launch, 2 Nov 24 raised $10K to AGCF
11. Way In X’mas Party 23 Nov 24 tonight 48 guests proudly supported by sisters, Ettason-Elaine, Heng Fei-Milly, Florence, Ellie, Stella, Nicole, Shelley
12. **2025 Way In Network Chinese New Year Celebration Party (attend by 45 guests)**

12 February 2025

some gifts were proudly sponsored by Way in sisters, including myself, Florence Chau, Linda Tang, Lisa Harris, Sue Luo, and HKETO

1. **Way In Network x NSW Police Force IWD morning tea “Stronger Together”**

**was part of Way In women empowerment series 4 March 2025**

The morning tea included the very first time for Way In to do a panel forum discussion. Eugenia for participating in the panel discussion alongside me, Dr Maggie Wang & Leading Senior Constable, Catherine Kolokitas & Superintendent Martin Fileman

Thanked Helen Sham-Ho for opening speech, Faith & Florence Chau for reception, & Nicole for MC, Faith/Stella for RSVP & Linda Tang for closing remarks.

1. **Way in network Seniors Luncheon ANHF Huang Ying Jung Nursing Ho 27 March 2025**

Thanked all the sisters that attended, we had a great day with the seniors and provided “Pun Choy”, of course special thanks to Lisa the choir leader, and Linda McGarry for the instrument playing. This format of luncheon at nursing home was adopted due to COVID 19 precautions. We received good feedback from ANHF and they hope that we could visit their other nursing homes in the future. We hope that we could do a combination of formats, including smaller luncheons at restaurants as well as nursing home luncheons similar to this.

1. **The Westmead Institute for Medical Research exclusive centre tour & morning tea
for way in network, ACMA, ACJC 3 April 2025**

Thanks to June & Faith for coordinating with WIMR. The tour was an eye opener for many of our sisters, and we are happy to see our fundraising efforts put to good use to develop medical cure that could save future lives. We hope to have similar tour for us to gain more medical awareness and we could bring our next generations to see it first hand to inspire them to possibly go into research and contribute to society.

1. **Way in women empowerment series “Blooming with Love” Mother’s Day Luncheon 12 May 2025**

Thanks to Helen Sham-Ho as our special guest speaker to raise awareness of our civic rights and learn about our political system in NSW on a state level and how that differs to the federal system. Due to Helen’s influence, we were able to secure discounted rates for the luncheon for the benefit of our members and guest. We also had the pleasure of meeting our founding president Christine Ho who also shared her experience in the early days of Way In. I also bought flowers for everyone to finish off the beautify luncheon.

1. **Canrevive x NICM Health research institute exclusive centre tour & program presentation for way in network “Supporting Chinese-Speaking Women After Cancer” 11 June 2025**

CanRevive organised a tour for the centre and presented to us a special program that they had conducted in the past for Chinese female cancer patients and survivors in managing their physical and mental health. This was a very meaningful program that is inline with our mission to help migrant women, especially when cancer is impacting lots of people now including some of our own members. CanRevive has plans to reconduct similar programs in the future and is seeking our financial assistance in funding such programs.

1. **2025 NSW Flood Disaster Appeal $20,000 donation to salvation army 25 June 2025**

Similar to past fundraising efforts, our Way In sisters very quickly responded to the calling, together with $6000 by Way In, in total we donated $20K to Salvation Army to assist families impacted by recent flooding in NSW. Special thanks to Eugenia & Shelley for coordinating the liason with Salvation Army.

1. **Way In Women Empowerment Series: Women’s Safety Seminar “Say No to Hate Crime” 28 August 2025**

Special thanks to Superintendent Martin Fileman from NSW Police and **Detective Chief Inspector Brad Johnston**, Officer in Charge of the **Engagement & Hate Crime Unit**, for hosting the seminar with us. We learnt many useful information about useful safety apps, and about the new law that was recently introduced in Aug relating to “Hate Crime”, we encourage everyone to come forward to report to police if similar discriminative behaviours are identified early on before hate crimes actually occur. Thanks to Mandy for being MC for the first time. Florence & Faith for reception & Stella for RSVP.

1. **WAY IN NETWORK CUSTOMISED PIN**Special thanks to a friend of mine for organizing the design of the customized Way In jewelry pin and most importantly for the production & donation of the pins by Ellie Huang who has had extensive custom jewellry experience in the past. This is a classic example of how our sisters share our common resources to benefit members.

**Future Donation Recommendation:**

Charity donation for the future should be more women and children focus where possible in line with our mission, but we are here to help everyone. Possibility is CanRevive program for women with cancer, this could be further considered by the future incoming elected committee.

During my term from 2023-2025, we collectively have achieved many new milestones but it hasn’t come without its own challenges. I would like to thank all committee in 2023-2025 and past presidents for the guidance and especially Helen & Florence for their trust & support. During the last 2 years, we have attracted a number of new members including Connie Lam who is here with us today, I hope we can attract more members with similar vision that can share their resources and help Way In further flourish into the future.

**New President’s speech**

Again thanks to Helen & Florence and the returning committee for your trust & support, and welcome Daisy Lam, Felicia Hon & Jacques Wong back to the committee, all of whom I have work alongside in the past. I trust we can all work together very well & rely on them together for future activities. I will try my best to lead and welcome more feedback and hopefully to attract new members and take Way In to further glory, a glory that is built on a strong foundation laid by all members & past presidents, an achievement that is owned by all and we should be fond of as well!

Upcoming initiatives

1. Mid autumn festival 8th October 2025
2. Seniors Luncheon
3. 34th Anniversary Ball
4. New uniform